



MAKFI CROWNED JOINT 3YO WORLD CHAMPION

Tweenhills' new sire, Makfi, has been ranked 2010's joint Champion Three-Year-Old in the recent World Thoroughbred Rankings with a rating of 128.

He was also the joint Champion Milner, and was rated 3lbs above Goldikova whom he beat in the Gr.1 Prix Jacques le Marois.

Makfi has a full book of high class mares visiting in 2011. These include Laramie from Castlemartin Stud, the dam of Gr.1 winners Lawman and Latice, as well as the Aga Khan's mare Shemriyna whose first foal is the Gr.2 Prix Eugene Adam winner Shimraan. In addition, the dams of Group winners Triple Aspect, Best Name, Split Trois and Vital Equine will be visiting this dual Gr.1 Classic winner by Dubawi.

Notable Group winning mares in Makfi's first book are Champion two-year-old filly Bianca Nera, and other Gr.1 mares Aqaarid, Fauvelia, Brazilian Bride and Epsom Oaks second Something Exciting.



Makfi's first book includes the dam of Group winner and Gr.1 Prix du Jockey Club second Best Name

The dam of dual Gr.1 winner Lawman will visit Makfi in 2011

STAFF PROFILE

**Trish Pearce,
Stud Hand**



What did you do before joining Tweenhills?

I'm from Australia where I was a stud hand at Newhaven Park Stud and Think Big Stud for four years. I've also spent two seasons prepping yearlings for Robin Wise.

What was the appeal of Tweenhills?

I wanted to gain experience of studs in other countries, and David was the first to answer my email asking for a job.

What do you enjoy most?

Yearling prep – watching them develop, and the excitement of the sales.

Any memorable moments?

Unfortunately it was letting go of a yearling in the pre-parade ring at Tattersalls when he reared up and got his leg in the lead rein, although leading up the 180,000gns Dubawi filly later cheered me up!

Most notable horses handled?

The four-time Gr.1 winner, So You Think, on his break at Think Big Stud, as well as Melbourne Cup winner Viewed.

Other interests?

Travelling, I've already visited Paris, Amsterdam, Denmark and Rome since arriving in the UK last summer.



Zoe Gibson and Tempo win the Hayes Golden Button Challenge

GOLDEN BUTTON FUN

Once again, bad weather led to the postponement of the annual Hayes Golden Button Challenge from New Year's Eve to 15th January. Zara Phillips was the official starter and presented the winning prize to Zoe Gibson who partnered Tempo to beat 47 rivals.

The Challenge is a cross country ride over three miles and 24 natural obstacles on the banks of the River Severn in the heart of the Ledbury Hunt country.



Official starter Zara Phillips, with fiancé Mike Tindall, Richard and Mindy Hammond, and David Redvers

ST MORITZ TARGET

Dual winner, Palio Square, was purchased recently for Pearl Bloodstock to specifically target the race meeting at St Moritz on 20th February. Trainer Ralph Beckett reported that he enjoyed the snow in the UK before Christmas, and is hopeful he will relish the more glamorous conditions in Switzerland.

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